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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Finance  
Director of Personnel  
Deputy Director for Policy, Analysis &  
Evaluation/OP  
Chief, Administrative Law Division/OGC

FROM: [redacted] Legislation Division  
Office of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: DoD Proposed Bill Concerning Sunday Premium Pay

1. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has requested our views on the above-captioned matter. The Department of Defense (DoD) explains that in the Middle East Sunday is routinely considered a normal workday, not a day of worship. Accordingly, premium pay should be granted not on Sunday but on the recognized day of worship. Attached is DoD's proposed legislation to codify this view.

2. In order that we may respond to OMB in a timely fashion, please refer your comments to me no later than 1 October 1987. If you have any questions, you may telephone me on [redacted]

Attachment:  
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To amend sections 5544 and 5546 of title 5, United States Code, relating to Sunday premium pay for Civil Service employees, to accomodate schedules in foreign areas where Sunday is a routine workday and another day of the week is officially recognized as the day of worship.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that sections 5544 and 5546 of title 5, United States Code are amended as follows:

1. Section 5544 is amended by inserting after the penultimate sentence of subsection 5544(a):

"For purposes of paying such additional pay, the head of an agency concerned may prescribe a day in lieu of Sunday for employees serving outside the United States in areas which Sunday is a routine workday and another day of the week is officially recognized as the day of worship."

2. Section 5546 is amended by adding at the end of subsection 5546(a):

"For purposes of paying such additional pay, the head of an agency concerned may prescribe a day in lieu of

Sunday for employees serving outside the United States in areas where Sunday is a routine workday and another day of the week is officially recognized as the day of worship."